Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 14 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 14 Mar 2023 at 03:02 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for generally settled conditions through Tuesday and Wednesday, with a change to wet and windy conditions from later Wednesday and into Thursday. Some uncertainty on detail of the snow/rainfall.

Headline for Tuesday 14 Mar 2023: Prolonged sunshine with scattered snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 14 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
60%	60%	30%	40%	30%	30%

Forecast for Tuesday 14 Mar 2023

Weather: There will be sunny spells through Tuesday morning with scattered occasionally heavy snow showers. Drier into the afternoon with any showers fairly isolated and likely to be lighter.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% during the morning, increasing to 80% by afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Generally good visibility but scattered low cloud, base 500-700 m, and occasionally poor visibility in snow showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	16/19 W	18/22 NE	20/26 N	18/25 NW	19/25 NW	14/19 W	11/16 SW
900	15/18 W	16/20 NE	18/25 N	17/24 NW	18/24 NW	13/18 W	11/16 SW
600	8/12 W	9/12 NE	15/22 N	13/20 NW	11/17 NW	9/14 W	8/13 SW
300	1/13 W	2/14 NE	6/22 N	6/20 N	3/18 NW	3/14 W	3/12 W
Glen	3/9 W	5/12 NE	9/19 N	9/19 N	8/16 NW	5/10 NW	4/8 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-7/-15	-7/-15	-6/-15	-6/-14	-7/-15	-7/-14	-8/-14
900	-7/-14	-6/-14	-6/-13	-5/-13	-6/-14	-7/-13	-7/-13
600	-4/-9	-4/-9	-3/-10	-3/-9	-4/-9	-4/-9	-5/-10
300	-3/-5	-2/-4	-0/-4	0/-3	-2/-4	-2/-4	-3/-5
Glen	-0/-2	0/-2	2/-1	3/-1	2/-2	1/-1	0/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Sudden drops in visibility possible in snow showers, particularly during the morning.

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Weather: Chance of a few snow showers during the early hours of Wednesday but then mainly dry and clear for much of the day. A front pushes up from the southwest into the evening, bringing snow initially but rain soon following particularly at lower levels.

Maximum wind: Generally light through the day but increasing to southeast 20 mph gust 35 mph later in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% during the early hours, increasing to 90%, dropping to 10-20% by late evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Generally good visibility with clear skies, or high cloud later. Scattered low cloud, bases 500-700 m, and occasional poor visibility in any early snow showers. Extensive low cloud, bases 400-700 m, and reduced visibility on the front later in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 rising to plus 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 8 rising to minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Surface, rising to 400m through the day.

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